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**Docket No. 400-009**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Andrea F. Bell**

Entitled: UTILITY APRON

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**Examiner: J. Foster**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION NO. 2**

In response to the Office Action of November 17, 1998, the period for response having been extended three months to May 17, 1999 by the attached Petition and fee, please amend the application and reconsider it in view of the following.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims.

-- 27. A utility apron as recited in claim 1, wherein the pocket includes at least one pleat.

28. A utility apron as recited in claim 9, wherein each of the pockets of the plurality of pockets includes at least one pleat.